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Luis Manuel Ramirez, General Manager & CEO



**Fiscal and Management Control Board
Transportation Board Room
10 Park Plaza
January 29, 2018
12:00 p.m.
*MEETING MINUTES***

Present: Chairman Joseph Aiello, Director Steven Poftak and Director Monica Tibbits-Nutt

Quorum Present: Yes

Others Present: Secretary Pollack, Luis Ramirez, Jeffrey Gonneville, Marie Breen, Owen Kane, Nathan Peyton, Mike Abramo, Jamey Tesler, Ron Nickle, Karen Antion, Beth Larkin, Dan Grabauskas and Eric Stoothoff

PROCEEDINGS:

At the call of Chairman Aiello, a meeting of the Fiscal and Management Control Board was called to order 12:00 p.m. at the State Transportation Building, Transportation Board Room, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

Next, Chairman Aiello opened up the public comment session.

The first speaker, Louise Baxter from TRU commented on the Corporate Pass Program and length of public presentations.

Next, Carl Seglem, commented on the FMCB meeting structure, bus service and the FY19 Budget.

Next, was the approval of minutes of the January 8 and January 22, 2018 meetings.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018.

Director Tibbits-Nutt abstained from voting.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was;

VOTED: to approve the minutes of January 22, 2018.

Chair Aiello abstained from voting.

Chairman Aiello next called upon General Manager Luis Ramirez to present Agenda Item D, the General Manager's report. Mr. Ramirez announced that on February 7, 2018 the Cabot Yard Improvements Contractor Forum would be held at the State Transportation Building. The General Manager noted this was a large scale project with an approximate construction value of \$195 million, replacing track, power, signals and rehab of the maintenance facility. Mr. Ramirez continued with his report and updated the Board on Positive Train Control and the recent Women in Transportation event, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "GM Report, January 29, 2018." Discussion ensued.

Next, the Chair called upon Deputy General Manager Jeffrey Gonneville to present Agenda Item E, the Report from the Deputy General Manager.

Mr. Gonneville discussed at length the recent delays on the Green Line's C and D lines resulting in Operations' implementing bus shuttle service on both lines. Mr. Gonneville noted outdated cables, dating back to the 1930's and 1940's caused the delays. Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair called upon Chief Administrator Michael Abramo to present Agenda Item F, the Chief Administrator's Report. Mr. Abramo gave an update on the Governor's Budget which included two key MBTA budget items: additional state assistance and an outside section on capital employee transfers.

Mr. Abramo continued with an overview and executive summary of FY18 own source revenue and key achievements to date, namely, a new advertising contract, a new parking contract, enforcing real estate contracts and a South Station lease, resulting in 77% growth in own source revenues projected over three years, as set forth in the attached document labeled "CA Remarks, January 29, 2018." Discussion ensued.

Next, Chairman Aiello called upon Nathan Peyton, MassDOT's Deputy Chief of Staff to present Agenda Item E, the FMCB Calendar. Mr. Peyton reviewed upcoming agenda items with the Board, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "FMCB Public Schedule, January 29, 2018." Discussion ensued.

Next, the Chair called upon Executive Director of Commuter Rail Dan Grabauskas to present Agenda Item H, the Commuter Rail update. Mr.

Grabauskas provided the Board with recent management priorities and noted that on-time performance over the year was at 88.8 % compared to the 10-year average of 86.9%, and the lowest level of train cancellations in the last three years was in 2017. Mr. Grabauskas concluded with line-by-line plan updates and winter resiliency lessons learned: what worked and what didn't work, as set forth in the attached document labeled "FMCB Commuter Rail Update, January 29, 2018." Discussion ensued.

Chairman Aiello next called upon Ron Nickle, Chief Safety Officer to present Agenda Item I, the Quarterly Safety Update. General Manager Ramirez began the presentation by discussing FTA and DPU regulatory updates and changes and discussed the workplace safety improvement initiative. The General Manager noted that he signed an Occupational Health & Safety Plan on January 17, 2018 and discussed the program development and implementation.

Mr. Nickle continued the presentation and discussed facility inspections, employee injuries, assaults on employees, derailments, bus collisions and bus and subway fatalities, as set forth in the attached document labeled, "MBTA Quarterly Safety Report, January 18, 2018."

Next, Chair Aiello noted that Agenda Item J, the Corporate Pass Program, was a written submission by Director of Revenue Evan Rowe and was included in

their board package, as set forth in the attached document labeled “Update on the MBTA Corporate Program, January 29, 2018.” Discussion ensued.

Next, Chair Aiello called upon Karen Antion, Program Manager for Positive Train Control (PTC) to present Agenda K, the PTC Update. Ms. Antion provided an update to the FMCB on the progress of the Commuter Rail PTC Program in implementing the safety critical system in compliance with FRA regulatory requirements, as set forth in the attached document labeled “Commuter Rail Positive Train Control (PTC) Program Update, January 29, 2018.” Discussion ensued.

Lastly, Chairman Aiello began the conversation of Agenda Item L, a discussion of the FMCB meeting structure for 2018. Mr. Poftak led the discussion focusing on appropriate delivery of information, timely submission, possible future topics, limitation on length of slides, need for ADA accessibility to documents and employee preparedness. Discussion ensued, and the Board agreed to implement the changes beginning the week of February 13, 2018.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was by roll call:

Chair Aiello	Yes
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Director Poftak	Yes
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Director Tibbits-Nutt	Yes
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VOTED: to adjourn to Executive Session for a discussion of strategy related to real estate, collective bargaining, litigation and non- union personnel at 2:04 p.m.

Documents relied upon for this meeting:

Minutes of January 8, 2018
Minutes of January 22, 2018
GM Report, January 29, 2018
CA Remarks, January 29, 2018
FMCB Calendar, January 8, 2018
FMCB Commuter Rail Update, January 29, 2018
MBTA Quarterly Safety Update, January 29, 2018
Update Memo on the MBTA Corporate Program, January 29, 2018